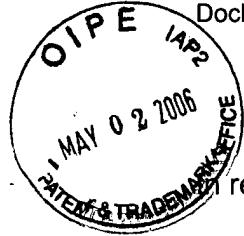


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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks.